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1919 War Charity Stamps of 1916

8566 sheets issued

9430 sheets issued,
white paper

9430 sheets issued,
yellow paper

5161 sheets issued

Pale Rose

Horizontally Shifted
Overprint

Vertically Shifted
Overprint

Horizontally Shifted
Overprint

Block of 4 - Used

Arad CDS (22 Jul 921 / L 1 L)

Block of 4 - Used

Arad CDS (28 Jul 921 / L 1 L)

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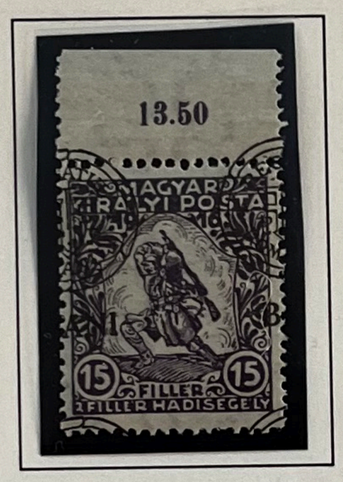
Horizontally and Vertically Shifted
Overprint with parts of 4 monograms



Horizontally and Vertically Shifted
Overprint with parts of 4 monograms

Block of 4 Shifted Overprint

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Corner Block of 6

"Long BAN I" with broken B – position X, 9
"Gate" Broken Frame - position X, 10

Corner Block of 6

"Long BAN I" with broken B – position I, 2

Corner Block of 4
"Gate"Broken Frame - position X, 10

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"Gate" Broken Frame
X, 10 Used

Grotesque Frame
V, 6

Grotesque Frame
V, 6

Corner Block of 6
"Long BAN I" with broken B – position X, 9
"Gate" Broken Frame - position X, 10

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Block of 6

Bottom Right Stamp with Grotesque frame position V 6

Marginal Block of 10

Position VIII, 6 to IX, 10

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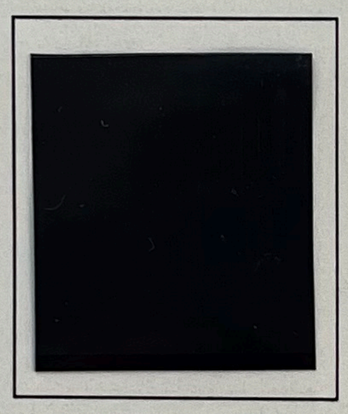
Offset on 15f



Offset on 15f

"Gate" Broken Frame X,10

Strip of 3 Offset on 10f

Position V,8 to V,6

"Grotesque Frame
V,6

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Wavy A,
position IV, 8

Broken B – 2 per sheet,
position IV, 7 and I, 10

Straight N
position VIII, 5

Vertically Shifted Overprint
giving

BANI over Monogram

Vertically Shifted Overprint
giving

BANI over Monogram

15b with partially missing I
in BANI giving BAN!

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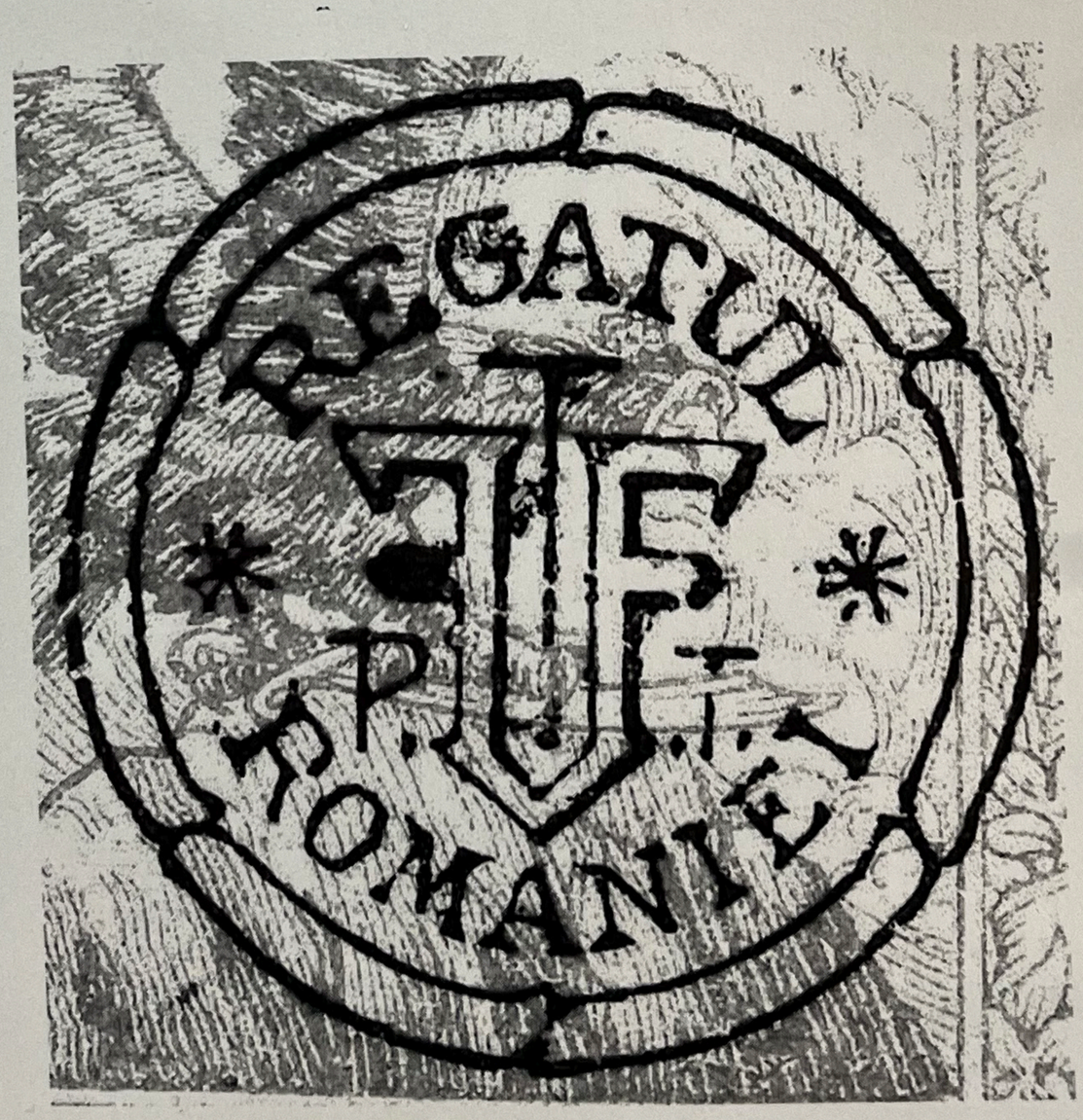
Arm Type

Filled in left arm of the central monogram

1 per sheet, position III, 8

This is not a constant flaw but was on all stamps overprinted on 10th June 1919. There were 1000 of the 40+2f War Charity sheets overprinted on this day.

1000 Issued



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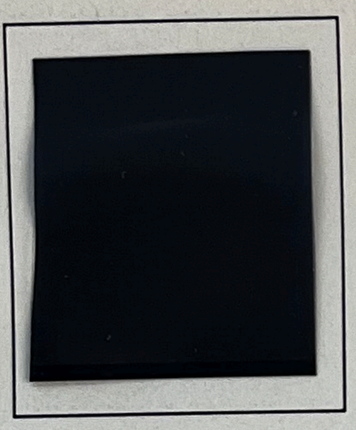
Four of the 10f War Relief Sheets are known to have inverted overprints.

Based on the study of the idiosyncrasies it appears that sheets “a” and “b” were printed on 17th June and sheets “c” and “d” on the 18th June and 20th June respectively

By examining the position of the overprint on the stamps and position of the perforations to the original design it is possible to determine which of the four sheets any particular stamp comes from.



Sheet “A”

Printed on 17th June

Overprinted on left side of stamp

Perforations shifted left relative to original design

Sheet “B”

Printed on 17th June

Overprinted towards right bottom corner

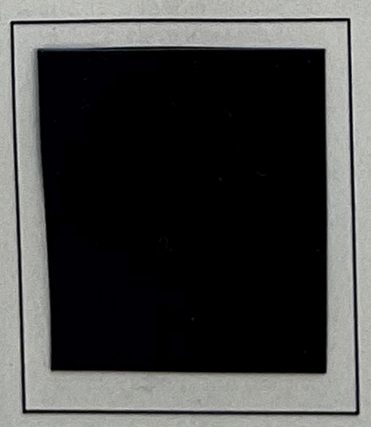
Perforations shifted slightly left and upwards

Sheet “C”

Printed on 18th June

Overprinted towards top left corner

Perforations shifted right and upwards



Sheet “D”

Printed on 20th June

Overprinted centrally

Perforations shifted left

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Inverted Overprint on 10+2f War Charity

One of 400 stamps issued

From analysis on the previous page this is from Sheet "B"

Signed Flasch and Bodor

Purchased from Darabanth Auctions 11/09 (ex Stark Collection)

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Inverted Overprint on 15+2f War Charity

One of 200 stamps issued

Horizontally Shifted Overprint

Purchased from Darabanth Auctions 11/09 (ex Stark Collection)

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Inverted Overprint on 15+2f War Charity

One of 200 stamps issued

Purchased from Dr Mircea Dragoteanu ("Dr Drag") – 10/10

Examining the position of the perforations relative to the design indicates that this is from a different sheet than the stamp on the previous page

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Inverted Overprint on 40+2f War Charity

One of 200 stamps issued

Signed Dr Sz(alay), Flasch and Bodor and one other

Purchased from Darabanth Auctions 11/09 (ex Stark Collection)

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Inverted Overprint on 40+2f War Charity

One of 200 stamps issued

Purchased from Bob Palmer (7/15)

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Double Overprint on 40+2f War Charity

One of 100 stamps issued

Signed Dr Sz(alay) and Szegedil

Purchased from Ladislau Szegedil 09/11

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Double Overprint on 40+2f War Charity

One of 100 stamps issued

Signed Dr Sz(alay)

Purchased from Bob Palmer (7/15)

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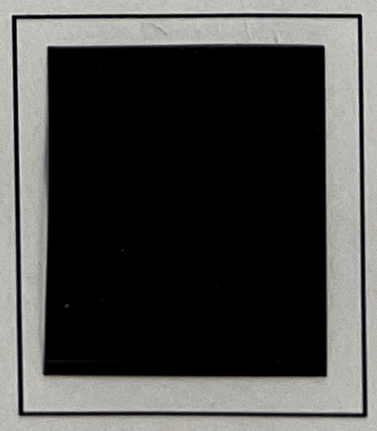
BANI over Monogram on 15+2f War Charity

One of 100 stamps issued

These stamps were normally issued with BANI under monogram, although shifted overprints also exist. These two types can be differentiated by the distance between the BANI and the monogram, which is 2-3mm in the BANI over stamps

Signed Szegedil Purchased from Ladislau Szegedil 09/11



Shifted Overprint
Note the different distance between the BANI
and the monogram

1919 Flood Relief Charity Stamps of 1913

11 sheets issued
Purchased from
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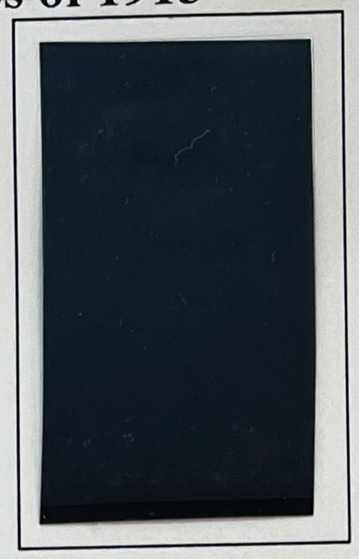


4 sheets issued
Purchased from
Ladislau Szegedil 9/11

8 sheets issued
Purchased from
Ladislau Szegedil 9/11

119 sheets issued

91 sheets issued

25 sheets issued
Purchased from
Ladislau Szegedil 6/09

65 sheets issued

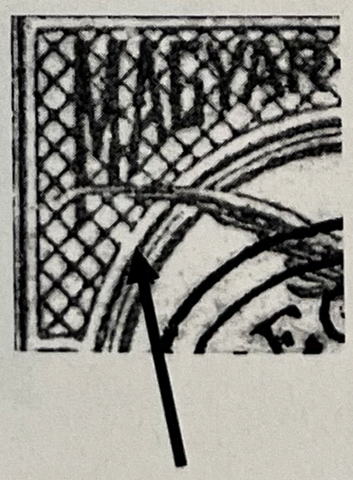
40 sheets issued
Purchased from
Ladislau Szegedil 6/09

5 sheets issued
Purchased from
Ladislau Szegedil 6/09

5 sheets issued
Purchased from
Ladislau Szegedil 9/11

5 sheets issued
Purchased from Darabanth
Auction 11/09
Certificated by Bodor

Open Lattice under
left wing of Turul



Open Lattice under
left wing of Turul

Open Lattice under
left wing of Turul

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Corners Block of 4 “Gate” Broken Frame - position X, 10

(ex Ceresa Collection)

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25 stamps with this error (ex Ceresa Collection)

40 stamps with this error (ex Ceresa Collection)

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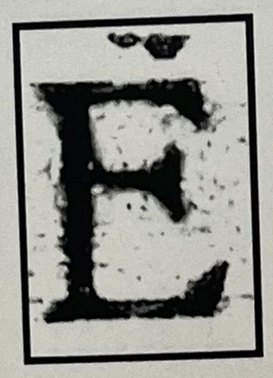
Accented E

Position VI,6



Block of 6 (position II, 7 to III, 9)
Small Gate Top left Stamp (II, 7)

91 stamps with this variety

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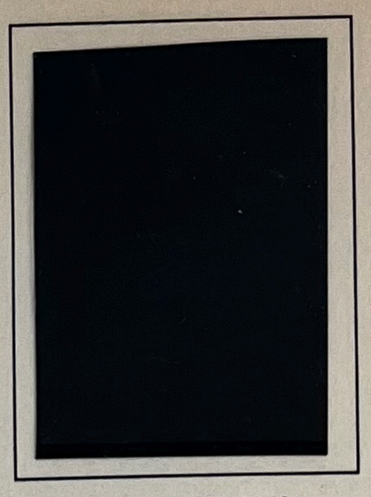
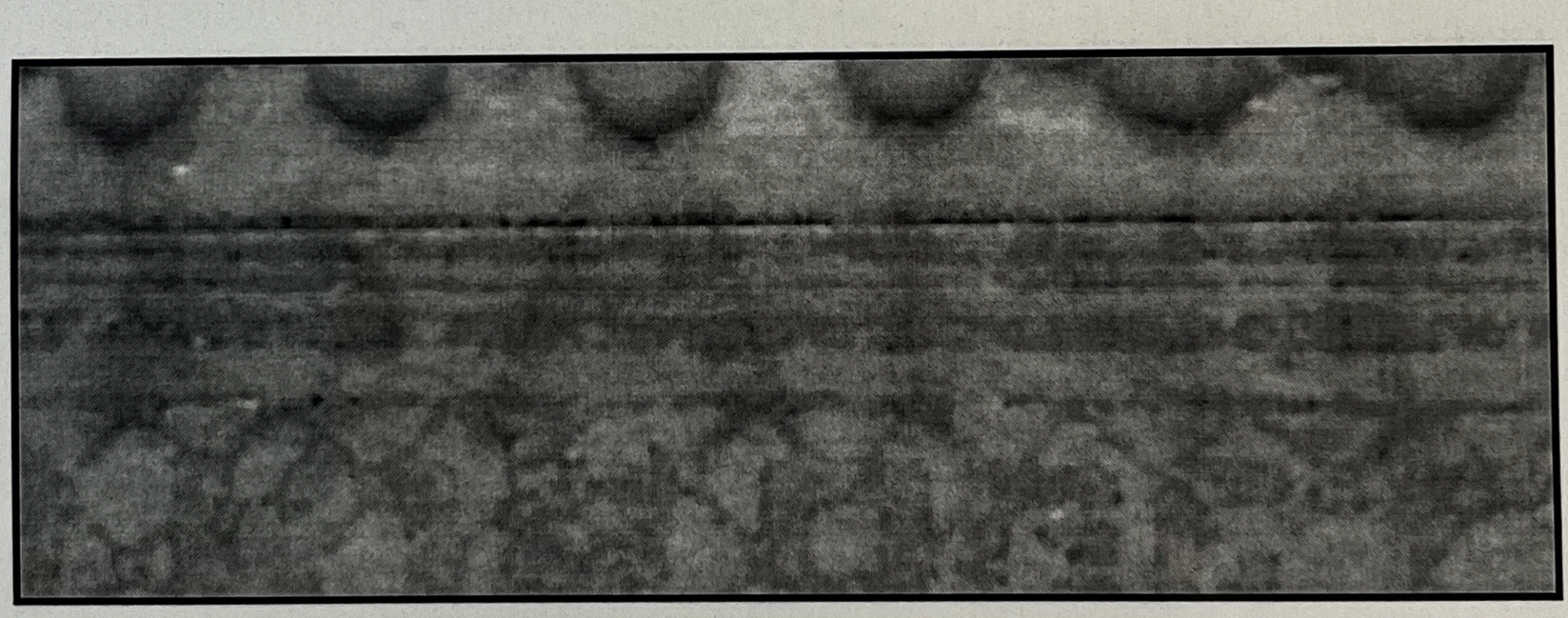


2f Flood Relief
Blind BANI at top of stamp

Purchased from Bob Palmer (7/15)

This “Blind Bani” is an enigma. Obviously it has come into contact with either a Bani printing base (perhaps whilst assessing the changes needed for the Flood Relief) overprints or an offset Bani overprint.



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1919 Harvester Types

5944 sheets issued
Pale Brown

5944 sheets issued

1811 sheets issued

3811 sheets issued

991 sheets issued

4 sheets issued
Purchased from
Ladislau Szegedi 12/09
Certified

3129 sheets issued

3129 sheets issued
Pale Violet

86 sheets issued
Yellow Paper

86 sheets issued

2485 sheets issued

2876 sheets issued

819 sheets issued

Vertically Shifted
Overprint

Horizontally Shifted
Overprint

Vertically Shifted
Overprint

Vertically Shifted
Overprint

Vertically Shifted
Overprint from top row
of sheet as there is no
overprint at the top of
the stamp

Vertically Shifted
Overprint

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Block of 4 – I,2 to II,3 Vertically Shifted Overprint

BANI at I,2

Block of 4 – VIII,9 to IX,9

Vertically and Horizontally Shifted Overprint

Vertically Shifted Overprint

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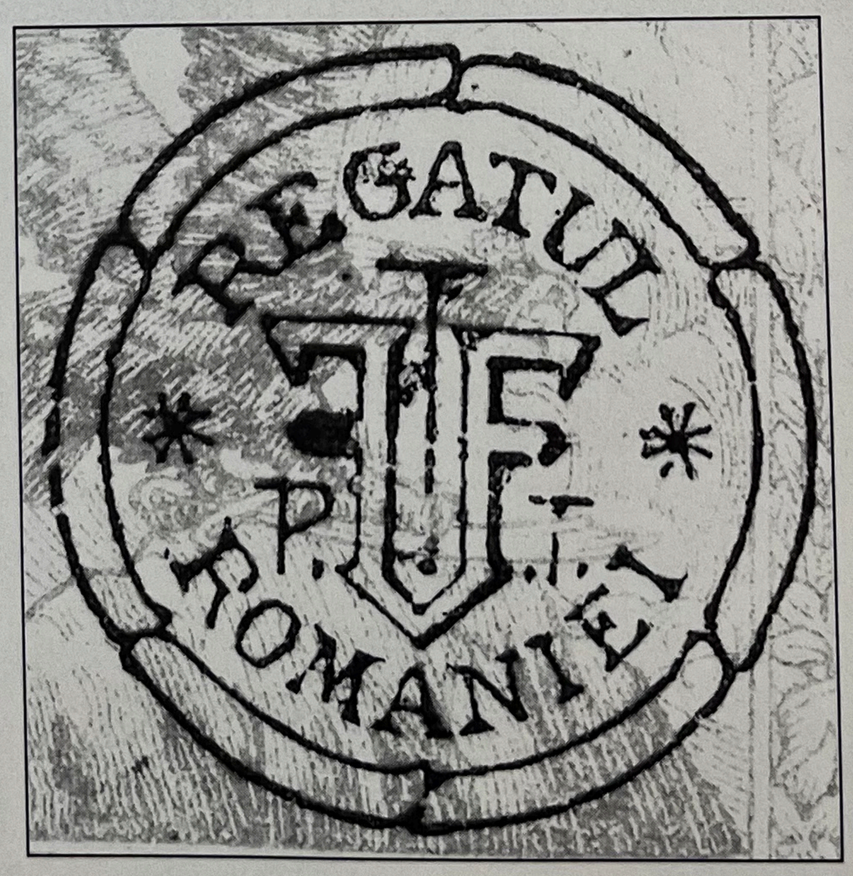
Stamps printed in batches 23-38 are know as “Arm Type “ – due to the filled in left arm of the central monogram at position III, 8

15 Harvester (White Numbers)

Arm Type Position III,8

86 stamps of this type

Purchased from Bob Palmer (7/15)



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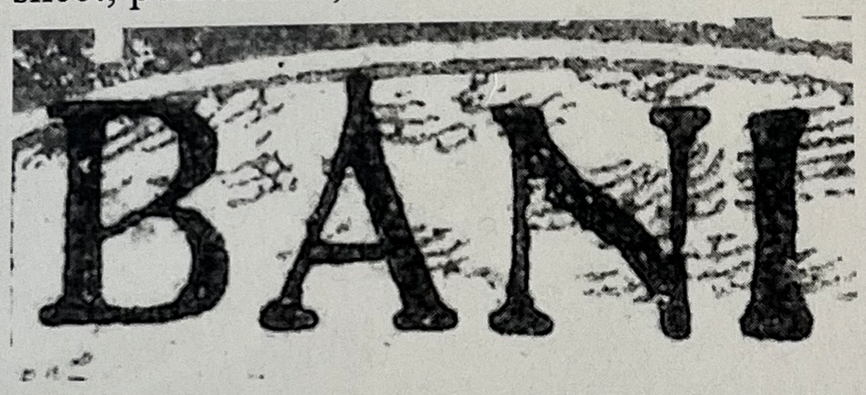
Broken A – 1 per sheet, position X, 2

Wavy A – 1 per sheet, position IX, 9

Tall A – 1 per sheet, position IV, 8



Vertically Shifted Overprint Giving No BANI

Arm Type position III, 8

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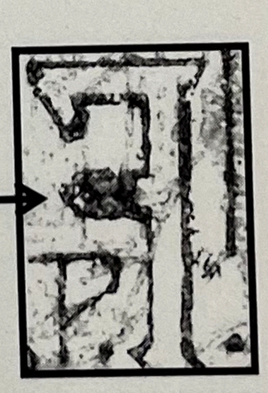
3b Harvester – Batch 24 (672 sheets printed on 10th June 1919)

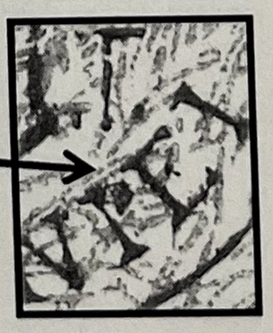
Corner Block of 12 - I,7 to III,10

Purchased from Bob Palmer (7/15)

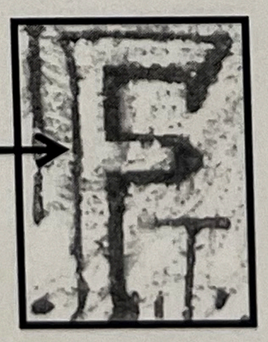
Position III,8 – Solid Arm of Left F (armtype)



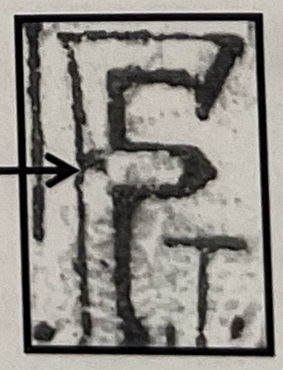
Position II,10 – Spot between "I" and "E"



Position I,7 – No Spot in Right hand F.



The spot develops in batch 25 (2f Harvester)



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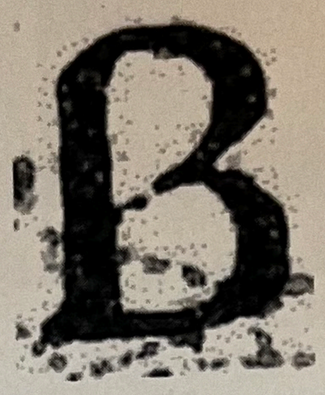
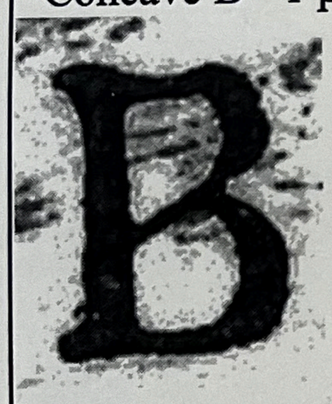
Short B – 1 per sheet, position IV, 10



Straight N - 1 per sheet, position VIII, 5

86 issued

Concave B - 1 per sheet. Position VIII, 7

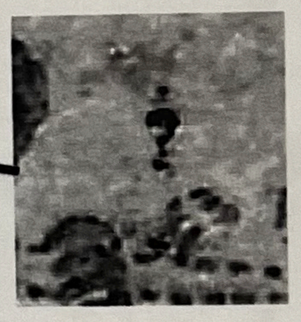


Broken Serif on Left Leg of A - 1 per sheet, position IX, 4

Grotesque Frame (Bulges at 7 o'clock) – 1 per sheet, position V, 6

1919 6b Harvester – Study of one Stamp

Wavy and
Broken A



Question Mark Flaw

Partially Missing U
and L of REGATUL

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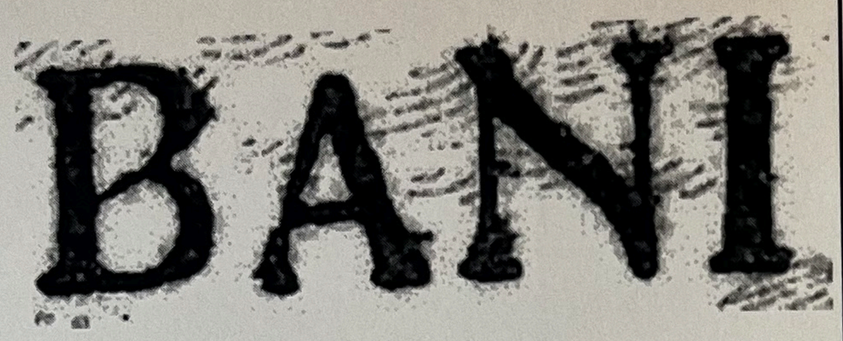
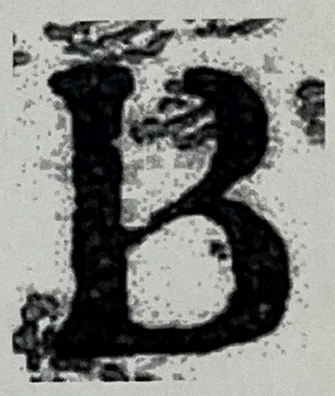
Short A – 1 per sheet, position II, 5



86 stamps issued

Broken B but without the Long BAN I, position IV, 7 and I, 10



Small Gate position II,7

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On the 23rd May 1919 the first of the BANI over monogram stamps were overprinted – starting with the 2f Harvester.

During the start of the printing process the printers had problems with holding one of the "BANI" pieces together, producing one stamp per sheet with BAN_I at position I,2. The underscoring is used to emphasise the spacing of the I.

This variety appeared during the initial part of the printing and was repaired, so only some of the sheets of the 2f Harvester and 2f Express exist with normal spacing at position I, 2. After this the variety remained constant for all of the Cluj Overprints.

According to Szalay 444 sheets of the 2f Harvester with BAN_I exist and 5500 – 5503 exist of the BANI variety.

Note the broken B and the break in the 5th segment of the circular monogram frame that can be used to identify stamps as being from position I, 2.

Also during this batch errors occurred due to the letter B disappearing. Both of these errors occur on the 2f Harvesters, but at different positions.

Position of ANI	Number Produced
IV, 3	Approx 400
V, 2	Approx 2100

2f Harvester - Position I, 2 without the "Long BAN I"

Note the broken B and the break in the 5th segment of the monogram frame that can be used to identify this stamp as being from position I,2

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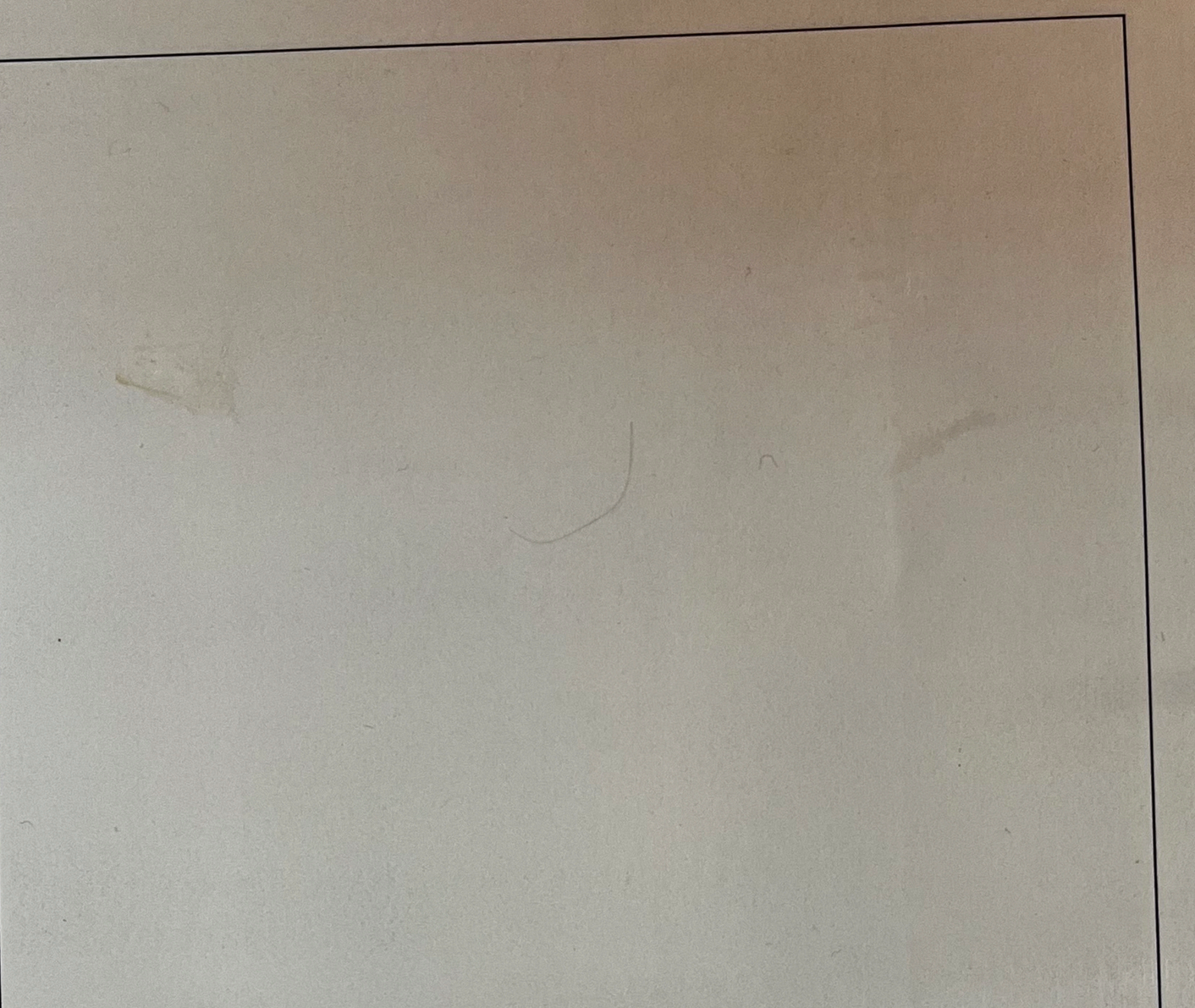

ANI at Position V, 2 and BANI at position I, 2
(ex Ceresa Collection)

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ANI at Position IV, 3 and BANI at position I, 2
(ex Ceresa Collection)

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Block of 4 – IV,1 to V,2

Missing B at position V,2

Block of 15 – I,1 to III,5

BANI at I,2

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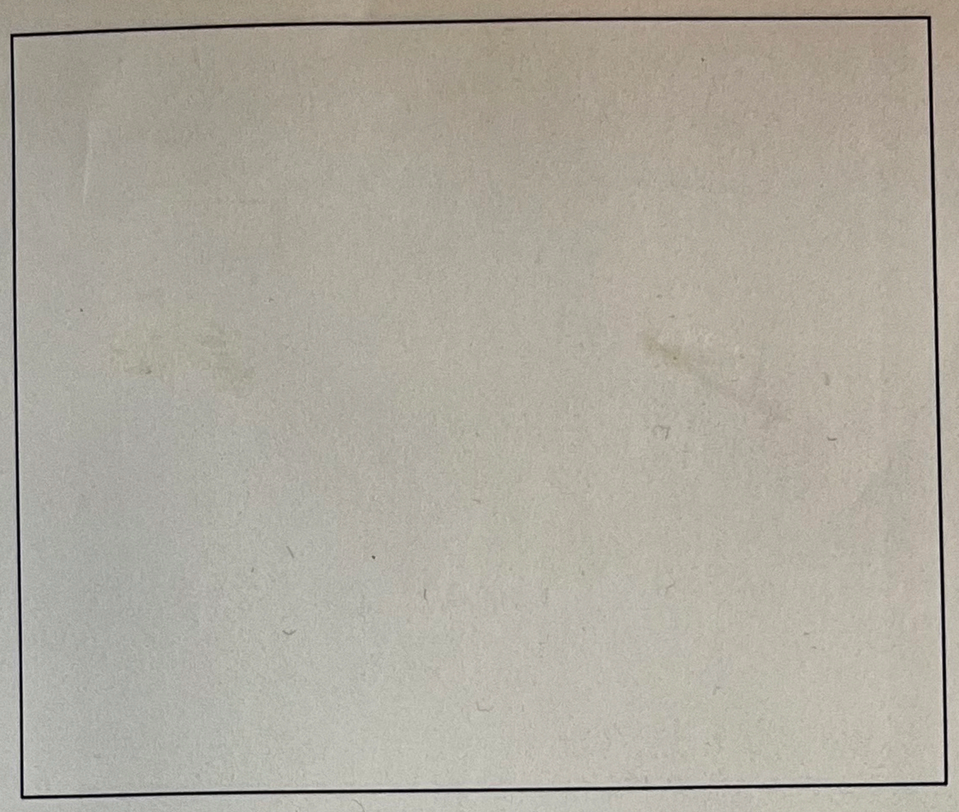
"ANI" at Position 1,1 !



ANI at Position I, 1,
Corner block of 6 (I,1 to II,3)

This is not an unrecorded missing "B", but a result of paper folds highlighted by the dashed lines below, and the missing B is indicated.

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2f Harvester showing parts of 4 separate overprints

Double overprints are known (and well recorded), triple and quadruple overprints are unrecorded for any of the Cluj or Oradea Issues

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1919 15f Harvester

Vertically Shifted Overprint, Position I, 1

Giving BANI Below Monogram

BANI in top selvedge has a ghost double overprint

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1919 40f Harvester

Missing one vertical element of the N in BANI

"BAVI"

Cluj

Corner Blocks of "Long BAN I" with broken B – position I 2

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Corner Blocks of "Long BAN I" with broken B – position I 2

86 stamps with this error (ex Ceresa Collection)

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Corner Blocks of "Long BAN I" with broken B – position I 2

819 stamps with this error (ex Ceresa Collection)

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Corners Block of 4 "Gate"Broken Frame - position X 10

Cluj

Corner Blocks of 4 "Gate"Broken Frame - position X 10

86 stamps with this error (ex Ceresa Collection)

819 stamps with this error (ex Ceresa Collection)

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Inverted Overprint on 2f Harvester

One of 400 stamps issued

Short B in BANI (Position IV, 10)

Signed Dr Sz(alay), Flasch and Bodor and one other

Purchased from Darabanth Auctions 11/09 (ex Stark Collection)

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Inverted Overprint on 2f Harvester

One of 400 stamps issued (different sheet to stamp on previous page)

Signed Dr Sz(alay)

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Inverted Overprint on 3f Harvester

One of 100 stamps issued

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Inverted Overprint on 3f Harvester

One of 100 stamps issued

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Double Overprint on 3b red

"Shadow" Double Overprint - visible to top and bottom of monogram. This type of double overprint is an unrecorded variety

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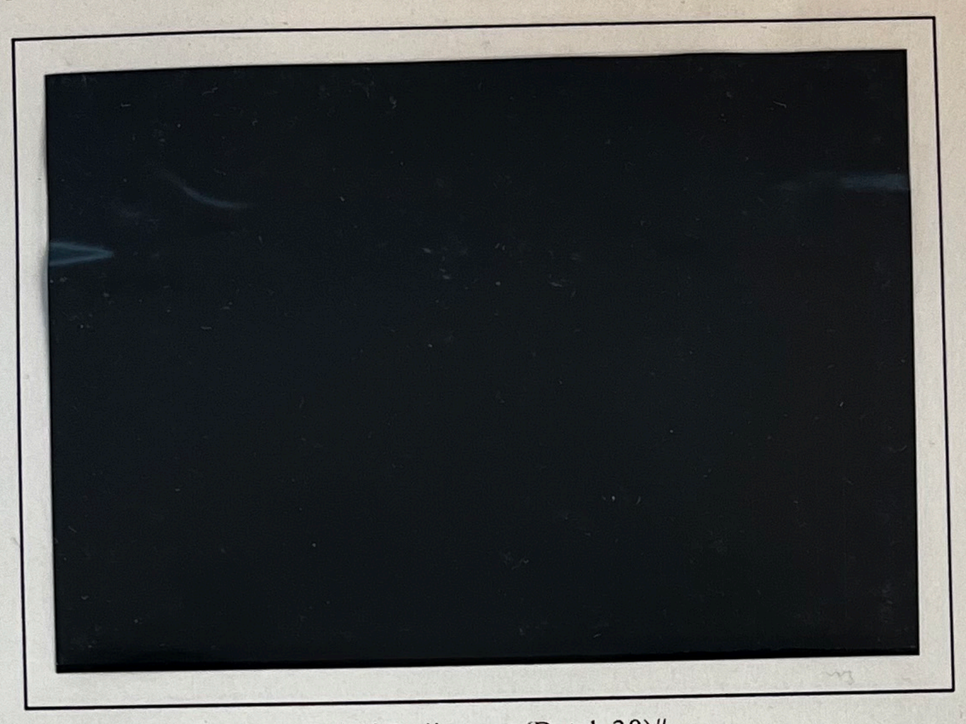
The printing of the Parliament types (being different sized stamps) required the print base to be altered, and the "Bani" moved below the monogram too.

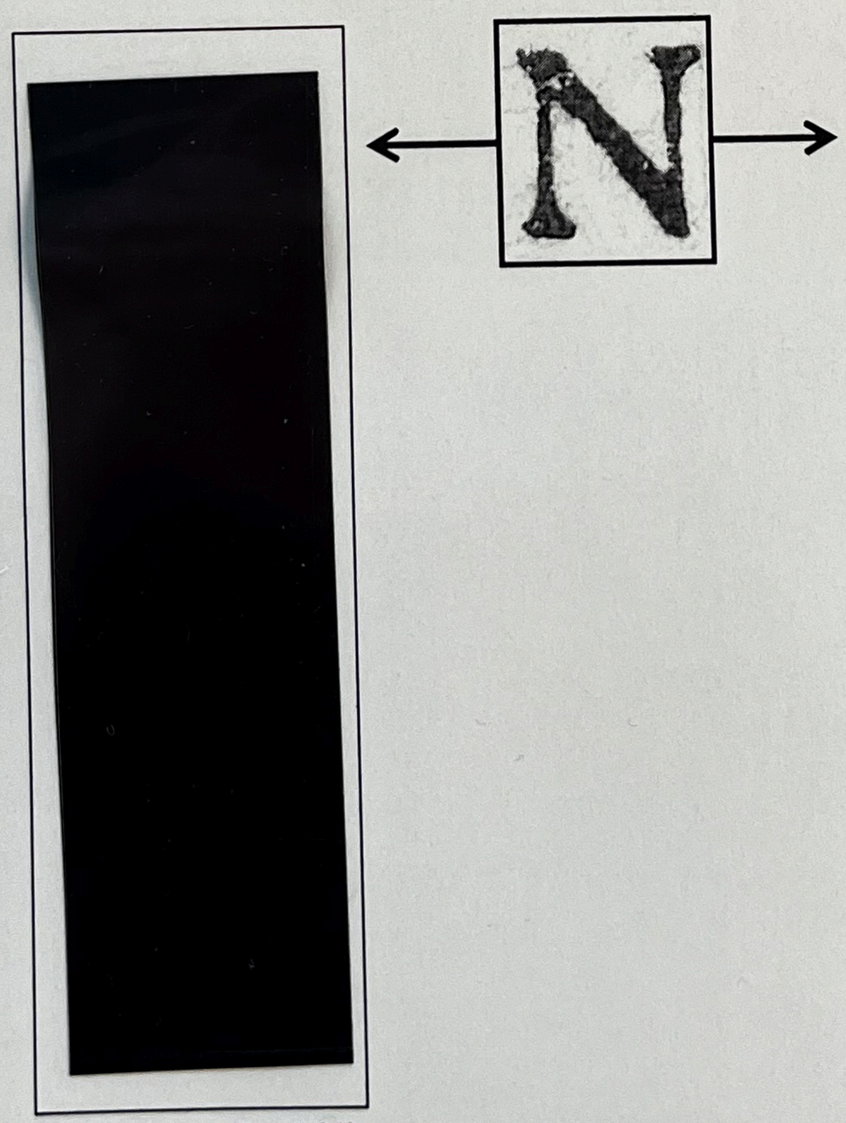
By studying the differences in the letter sorts it is possible to ascertain that the printer did this by removing the top row of "Banis" and shifted the "Banis" for row 2 to be below the monogram of row one and then replace the previous row 1 "Banis" onto row 10 of the new print base.

Consequently the BAN_I that was in position I, 2 moved to position X, 2, and all the different letter sorts moved down 1 row.



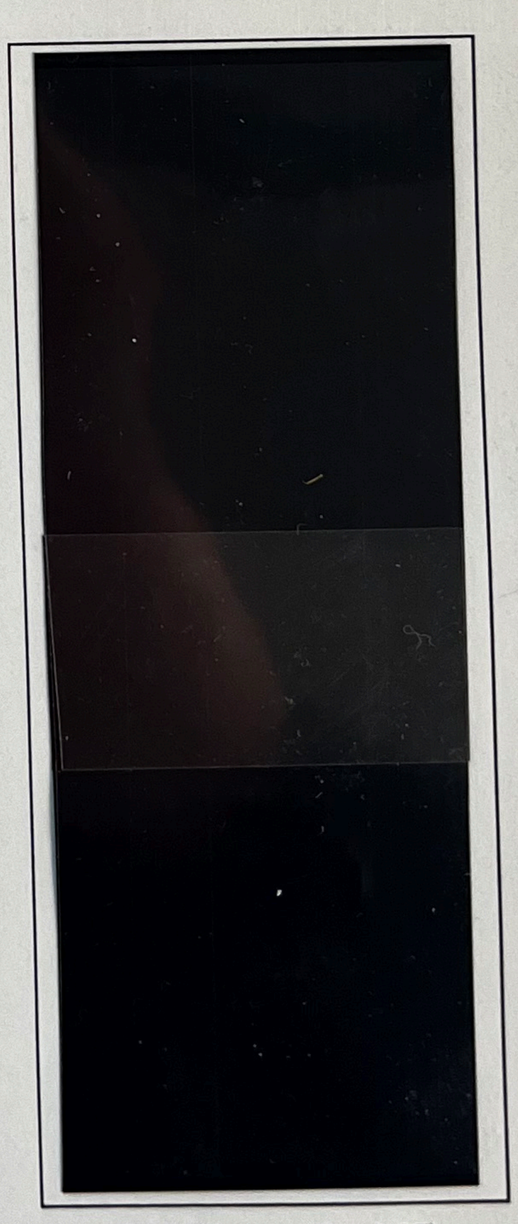
80f Parliament (Batch 38)#
Corner block (BAN_I at position X, 2) with vertical shifted overprint
Purchased from Bob Palmer (7/15)

This can also bee seen through the analysis of varieties within the font - "Straight N" variety moved from position VIII,5 to VII,5



25f Harvester (Batch 31)
"Straight N" at VIII, 5

Purchased from Bob Palmer (7/15)



75f Parliament (Batch 37)
"Straight N" at VII, 5

Purchased from Bob Palmer (7/15)

Cluj

1919 Parliament Types

4097 sheets issued

1413 sheets issued

1866 sheets issued

2689 sheets issued
Lake

2689 sheets issued
Light Lake

697 sheets issued
Brown

697 sheets issued
Dark Brown

118 sheets issued

155 sheets issued

131 sheets issued